HOUSE BILL 1959 By Johnson R

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 10, Part 4 and Title 55, Chapter 50, Part 5, relative to motor vehicle offenses involving alcoholic beverages.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-415, is amended by deleting subsection (d) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(d)

- (1) The offense of underage driving while impaired for a person age eighteen (18) or over but under age twenty-one (21) is a Class A misdemeanor punishable only by a driver license suspension of one (1) year and by a fine of four hundred dollars (\$400). As additional punishment, the court may impose public service work.
- (2) The delinquent act of underage driving while impaired for a person age sixteen (16) or over but under the age of eighteen (18) is punishable only by a driver license suspension of one (1) year and by a fine of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350). As additional punishment, the court may impose public service work.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.